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Jews Open Offensive In S'thn Palestine

TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM EGYPTIAN SOIL

Accusation Against Britain

Cairo, Jan. 4.—The Jews have opened up attacks all along the front in Southern Palestine at midnight yesterday and fighting continues, an Egyptian War Ministry spokesman said tonight. He said the Jewish offensive was directed against Egyptian advanced positions in the direction of Rafah, close to the Egyptian frontier.

The spokesman added that the Egyptian land forces had halted the Jewish push and that Egyptian aircraft destroyed most of 45 Jewish armoured cars moving forward to attack positions.

According to a Defence Ministry communique issued in Baghdad tonight, Iraqi units in Palestine have forced Israeli troops to retreat after inflicting "heavy casualties" in a battle still raging about three miles northwest of Galgilya. "The fighting is now developing in favour of our forces," the communique said. "The Iraqi troops drove back heavy Israeli attacks, supported by heavy artillery bombardment and machinegun fire," it added.—Reuter.

ASSURANCE GIVEN
Washington, Jan. 4.—The Israeli Government has assured the United States that all Israeli forces have been recalled from Egyptian soil, the State Department said today.

The State Department said after the assurance was given after the United States representative in Tel-Aviv over the weekend "drew attention" to the fact that Britain and Egypt are linked by a mutual defence pact.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, said the American action was taken after the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, told the acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, on Thursday that if the Israeli forces did not withdraw from Egyptian territory the British Government would have to consider its position under its 1936 treaty of alliance with Egypt.

Mr. McDermott said the United States Embassy in Cairo had also been instructed to warn the Egyptian Government that such incidents as the recent naval and aerial attacks in Palestine "can only result in further extending the hostilities."

He added that the United States representation in Tel-Aviv, "made in the most friendly interest," had resulted in assurances by the Provisional Israeli Government that Jewish forces entered Egyptian territory purely in the cause of military operations and not with the intention of occupying Egyptian territory.—Reuter.

ISRAELI COMPLAINT

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 4.—An Israeli official spokesman tonight declared that Britain was "preparing for more armed aggression in Israel."

He said British troops were on their way to the Transjordan port of Aqaba and to the Palestine-Egyptian frontier.

Usually reliable sources here today confirmed that the United States had approached Israel on British complaints of Israeli incursion into Egyptian territory.

No details were given of the move, reported in some quarters to have been a warning that the United States recognition of Israel might be "endangered."

The reports followed a visit by the United States Minister, Professor James MacDonnell, on Sunday to Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Foreign Minister.

The Israeli leaders were reported to have assured Professor MacDonnell that there was no intention of invading Egypt or seizing any Egyptian territory.

VERBAL NOTE

According to American sources close to the United States Minister here, the American State Department has delivered a "verbal note" to the Israeli Government saying that "if Israel continues her policy of aggression the United States will no longer be able to support Israel."

Half the British Consul-General there, Mr. Cyril Marriot, declared today: "Britain has no intention of waging war with Israel." He was commenting on a statement by the Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman, who said, according to Jewish press reports: "I do not know whether the British military and diplomatic activities such as the flying of British planes over Israeli positions and the battle areas of the Jewish and the Egyptian of the British-Egyptian treaty suggest the imminence of an Anglo-Israeli war."

Mr. Marriot said: "In the case of the latest military development with Egypt, we have applied to the United States asking them to exercise their influence with Israel because we have a responsibility under the Anglo-Egyptian treaty and we think the United States is a power whose word is most appreciated in Israel."

EXAGGERATED REPORTS

"In doing this Britain has avoided turning the matter into a cause of direct dispute between her and Israel and causing further complications," Mr. Marriot added. "I think press reports on both sides exaggerated matters, creating a tense and regrettable atmosphere."

He continued: "I do not pretend that the situation between the two countries is normal, but while waiting for normalisation both sides can help to soften the atmosphere." Mr. Marriot said he had a long talk "on very friendly terms" with representatives of the Israeli authorities. He added that the opening of a British consulate at Tel-Aviv is not expected before recognition of the Israeli Government by Britain.—Reuter.

WHITEHALL REACTIONS

London, Jan. 4.—Whitehall quarters are convinced Egypt will not invoke the Anglo-Egyptian treaty in case of a Jewish invasion into Egyptian territory.

ALARMING INCREASE IN VIOLENT CRIMES

London, Jan. 4.—The sudden and alarming increase in crimes of violence in London prompted senior officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard to discuss today fresh steps to catch the thugs who are making streets and homes unsafe.

Fifteen people have been attacked in London since Christmas Eve. Three were murdered. Others have been so seriously injured that they have had to be taken to hospital.

Three people were attacked with knives in their homes. A young mother of twins was found battered to death on a London bombed site three weeks ago. A former sailor was found strangled with his own tie at St Albans, a country town 24 miles north of London, after attending with his daughter a children's party.

A cartoonist, Harry Michelson, was battered to death in his flat in London's fashionable West End.

A watchman, aged 69, was killed in his hut on an arterial road leading northward out of London. His watch was missing.

Hooliganism among young people in London suburbs seriously concerns police chiefs whose problems are increased by an acute shortage of recruits to the force.

London alone needs 5,000 more policemen.—Reuter.

GROWING THREAT TO TIENTSIN

Reds Concentrate More Troops Near City

Tientsin, Jan. 5.—The threat to Tientsin increased today with the concentration of larger Communist forces in the vicinity of the city. According to Chinese press reports, Hsiaoisan, 35 kilometres to the southeast of Tientsin, has become a "provision centre" for the Reds moving round this area, with an elaborate telephone system erected between Hsiaoisan and other southern suburbs.

The Communists are reported to be already dominating some 40 towns and villages around Tientsin.

Military experts quoted by the Chinese press declared that Communist forces from the Tangku area are apparently concentrating gradually around Tientsin.

Mr. Yang Yi-chow, the Chairman of the Tientsin City Council, told the Chinese press that a cessation of the fight was unanimously demanded by all Chinese.

Following the resistance war against the Japanese and the subsequent civil war, the time is ripe for both sides to shake hands and participate in the urgently needed work of reconstruction.

CONFIDENCE IN LONDON

British official sources have not yet committed themselves to stating whether Jewish violation of Egyptian territory actually had taken place. There was considerable confidence in London that the American representation would prevent more dramatic developments in the Jewish-Egyptian border area and that the present incident could be closed.

An important after-effect of what official circles describe as the "very confused situation" in the border zone may be, however, that Britain's de facto recognition of Israel may be indefinitely postponed. Diplomatic quarters believed recognition was within reach some stage last month.—United Press.

POLICY UNCHANGED

Washington, Jan. 4.—The White House today said there had been no change in President Truman's policy on the "recognition" of Israel.

There have been published reports that American recognition of Israel would be withdrawn if the Jewish attacks on the Arabs continued.

The Press Secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, was asked: "Has the President changed his policy on the recognition of Israel?"

The answer was "no." The United States has already extended de facto recognition to the Government of Israel.—United Press.

PRISON FOR GUN-RUNNERS

Singapore, Jan. 4.—Three Americans arrested for gun running near Alibon Island, northeast of Singapore, on September 14 were convicted today by a Dutch court at Tandjong Pagar and sentenced to prison terms.

The principal accused, Albert Onsol of California, was sentenced to four years. Conno Seigrist of Oklahoma was sentenced to three years and Wilma Hallam of Portland, Oregon, got one and a half years.

The Catalina flying boat used to transport 40 cases of arms and ammunition was confiscated. A Briton was arrested in the same case and is scheduled for trial on January 6.—United Press.

Dutch Premier On Way To Batavia

London, Jan. 4.—The Dutch Premier Dr Willem Drees, left Holland today for Batavia by a secret route to seek a settlement of the Indonesian dispute.

His Royal Dutch Airline's Constellation landed at Malta this afternoon, when the pilot opened the sealed orders for the rest of the flight.

Before he left Holland, Dr Drees said he did not expect to be away long because important decisions would have to be taken at the Hague. He believed the most important objectives to be the formation of a truly representative Indonesian Government and preparations for the soonest possible formation of a United States of Indonesia, to which Holland could transfer sovereignty.

For this, free elections would have to be held.

ROUTE DISCLOSED

The first Dutch airliner from Batavia since December 23 arrived at Amsterdam today and later another left with mail for the Java capital by an undisclosed route.

Dr Drees will resume his journey to Batavia at 1.30 a.m. GMT tomorrow. The secret route, now disclosed, allows only two more stops before Batavia—on at Sharjah, on the Persian Gulf, and the other at Colombo.

The first lap from Amsterdam was covered in a little over five hours.

The Indonesian Republican Office in London tonight said units of their Army were "fighting back hard" in Java and Sumatra.

Quoting Republican Radio reports, the Office said guerrilla fighting continued through the whole of Eastern Java, and that attacks had been carried out on Dutch communication lines.

DELHI CONFERENCE

Reuter reported from Canberra today that Australia was still examining the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru's, invitation to attend a conference on Indonesia.

The Australian Defence Minister, Mr. John Dedman, said Australia was considering whether the conference would "cut across the work of the United Nations."

The Secretary General of the Arab League, Azam Elshah, said, if Cairo that the Arab States would "hasten to accept" the invitation.

The Batavia Chinese newspaper, Sin Po, reported today that four Indonesian Republican Ministers had set up a "guerrilla" Government in the East Java mountains, to which area almost the entire Republican Army had escaped by evading battle and using guerrilla tactics.—Reuter.

SAFE CONDUCT PLEA

Lake Success, Jan. 4.—Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, had cabled the Indian delegation suggesting "safe conduct be granted" to the special Dutch aircraft carrying Dr Willem Drees, the Dutch Prime Minister, to Indonesia.

Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, has said that facilities and safe conduct would be given by India to the Dutch party "provided the Security Council agrees that we should do so."—Reuter.

Woman To Be Executed

London, Jan. 4.—The first woman to be executed in Britain for over 12 years will go to the gallows on January 12. The decision of the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, that he cannot intervene to secure a reprieve was announced here today.

The woman is a 41-year-old Lancashire spinster, Margaret Allen, sentenced to death four weeks ago for murdering a 68-year-old woman neighbour. The 20th child of a family of 22, Allen had dressed as a man for the last 13 years, wore her hair short and at times worked as a labourer.

Only five women have gone to the scaffold in Britain in the last quarter of a century.—Reuter.

TORNADO KILLS 50

Warren, Arkansas, Jan. 4.—Tornadoes which ravaged this small town of 7,500 people yesterday and bore down on El Dorado, 40 miles away, and parts of Northern Louisiana, killed 50 people, injured about 360 and left a trail of devastation.

The tornado, which struck Warren late yesterday afternoon, lasted only 15 minutes, but killed 40 and injured nearly 300. Many bodies were cut to ribbons by falling or flying timber and debris. So far only 27 have been identified.

Mayor Jim Hurley said the damage was at least \$1,000,000.

All through the night dazed survivors stumbled through the ruins of a 20-block industrial and residential area, some in search of relatives. Doctors and nurses from nearby communities helped local medical officers, working through the darkness, rain and hail by lamp and candle-light to treat the stream of injured.

At dawn today, troops and police began searching for bodies while convicts from the local goal cleared the debris.

The Red Cross and the Armed Forces sent mobile kitchens and first-aid stations.

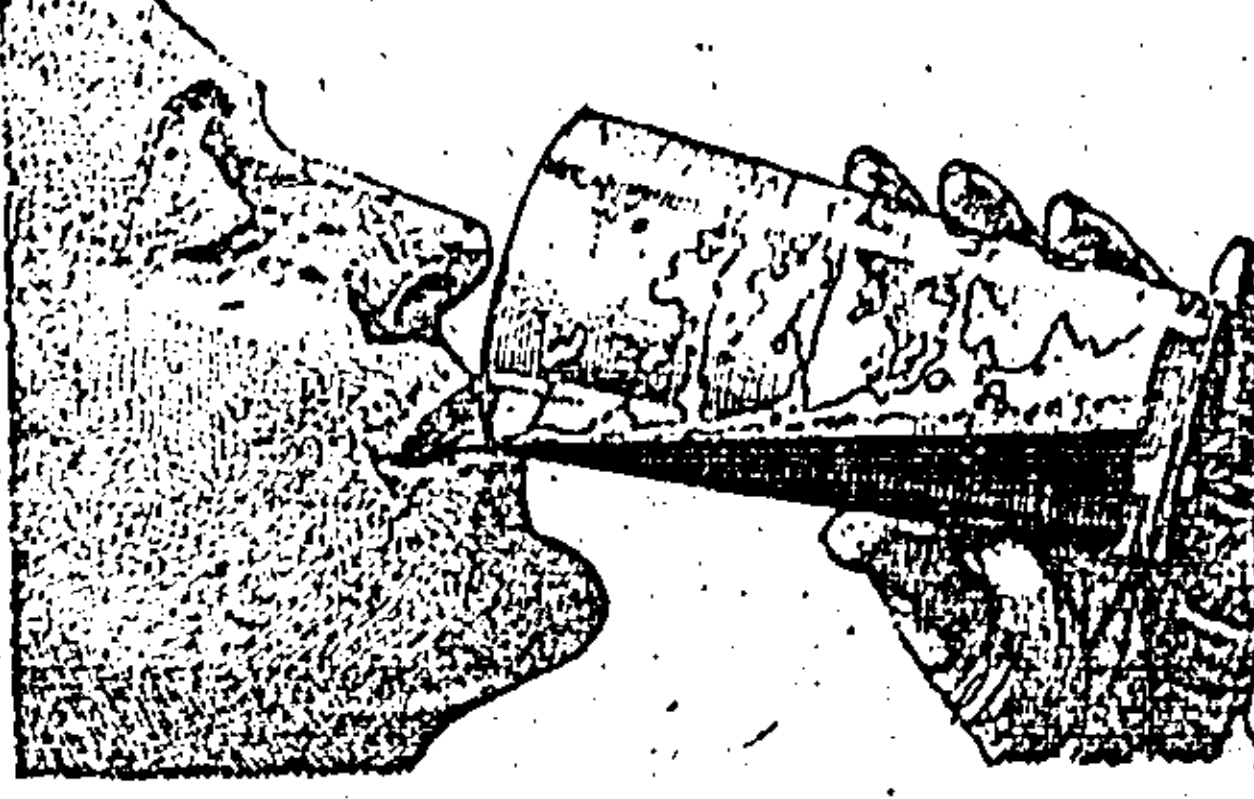
A worker at the Bradley lumber mill said that the storm hurled huge logs through the air like toothpicks.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Year Of Achievement

THE personal sacrifices which the people of Britain continued to make last year were not without their reward, however intangible. In fact, largely due to the people cheerfully accepting short food rations and other living restrictions, 1948 was a year of solid achievement in which substantial economic progress was made and many gains of previous years consolidated. It opened to a background of strong effort which in the latter months of 1947, had been rapidly making good heavy losses caused by the fuel crisis earlier in that unfortunate year. The year proved, quite naturally, that production remains the key to solving Britain's economic problems, and the results in this field did not wholly realise expectations, they were good enough to show useful progress. The steel production target was surpassed by more than 2,000,000 tons, but even so it was found this was insufficient to meet the urgent needs of the day and Government, as well as the industry, must this year evolve and develop extensive plans to raise production even further. Nationalisation of the coal mines did not realise production output which the fervent supporters of this legislative act had forecast. Actually the miners' just failed to achieve the target laid down for the year, and in this particular industrial activity it will be necessary in 1949 not only to have more miners in the pits, but to work the mines on more modern lines. Without these two factors no growth can be expected regarding increased coal production. Nevertheless last year was made notable for the resumption of exports of coal to overseas markets, even

if some were at the expense of home needs. With the main objective of reducing dollar expenditure through imports of food, British agriculture got down last year to a five-year programme which aims by 1952 to raise output to 50 percent above pre-war. This marks an essential reform, and there were signs in 1948 that it was bearing fruit. Total output was above the previous year and at least 25 percent greater than pre-war. While Britain can never become self-sufficient in food production, the nation has ample opportunity of raising enough crops to save a large proportion of its expensive imports which, up to now, represented a substantial element of the country's overseas expenditure. Noticeable also last year was expansion of production in engineering, shipbuilding and the electrical goods industries, and by all tokens 1948 was a period of sustained activity in the field of production. Marshall Aid, of course, was a big assistance, but as Britain also surrendered part of this in assisting continental countries under the European Recovery Programme, Marshall Aid does not represent the principal reason for the nation's gradual economic recovery. Credit must first go to the workers and leaders in industry, who, despite irksome controls, shortages of raw materials, and physical weariness caused by the strain of the war years, again answered the call for national duty and worked to save the country from the danger of economic extinction. If the same great efforts are sustained this year, the day when Britons can again look forward to some of the best living standards in the world may not be far away.



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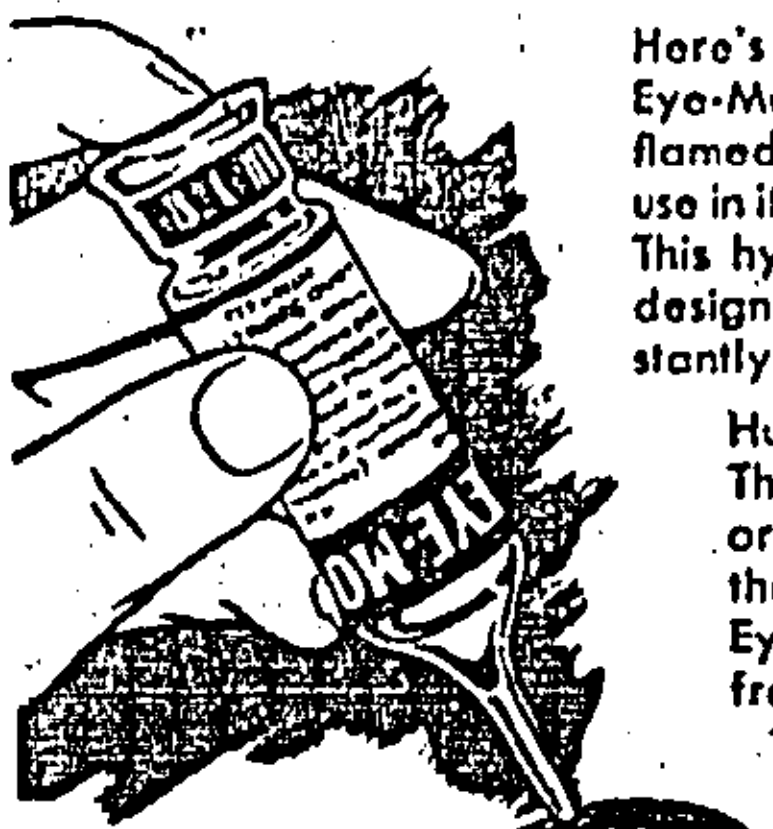
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WOMANSENSE

Women Are Invading Man's Last Sanctuary

By FRED SMITH

FIRED by stories of the success of experiments in manning ships wholly or partly with women sailors, hundreds of British women are lining up for a fling at life on the ocean waves.

For a number of them, their wishes have become true. During the past year, several merchant ships have sailed from Britain each with a complement of women in the crew, most of them being ex-Wrens.

The experiment had its birth in 1946 when fatherly H. G. Mann, director of nine British shipping groups, decided that something should be done to improve cooking and catering aboard merchant vessels. He thought that the female touch was needed.

Three women were signed on board the La Pampa, a 4,140-ton freighter, but shortly before she sailed, the women were replaced by seamen following a complaint by the National Union of Seamen. The

Union argued that the women had been appointed to berths at a time when seamen were unemployed. A compromise was found, and two of the girls sailed aboard La Pampa as trainees. At the time this was considered an innovation for women who had previously only been employed in passenger ships.

So pleased was Mann with the women's work that he decided to enlarge the scheme. Thirty women were signed on as crew members of the 5,185-ton La Cordillera and the Langley Scott.

When the news spread around, British shipping companies were deluged with letters from ex-Wrens applying for jobs afloat. It was estimated that for every job aboard the La Cordillera the shipping company had 300 waiting for a vacancy.

When the La Cordillera sailed on the maiden voyage in March 1947 two precedents were established. Fourteen women aged between 17 to 43 were included among the crew and Dr Marguerite Sheave, the first woman medical officer in the British Merchant Navy, became responsible for the health of the crew and passengers.

Women's Touch

On the La Cordillera's return to Britain it was evident that women were in the British Merchant Navy to stay. Captain M. Frame, master during that voyage, was loud in his praise of the female crew: "They are clean, hardworking and keep my cabin spotless. I like the women's touch about the ship. Why, I even find flowers on my table at every port!"

Work for a woman aboard ship is no picnic as continually stressed by the La Cordillera's female crew. The hours are long—ten a day—with a continuous seven-day week until port is reached. But after the day's toil is ended the women can go to their comfortable cabins on the boat deck and relax for their living conditions are good: Chief Stewardess Margaretta Godfrey of London, former Wren catering officer and prewar hotel owner, is buyer of the ship's stores

and officer in charge of the La Cordillera's female crew. She has her quarters, complete with a shower, on the boatdeck.

In the streamlined galley lined with shining steel sinks and electric cookers chief cook Dorothy Reed of London was preparing a meal for a 50 crew and 12 passengers. She boasted, "I cooked for five times that number when I was in the Wrens."

Betty Fitch, ship's baker and ex-Wren petty officer is also proud of her job. She said, "I bake thirty pounds of flour every day to make loaves for the whole ship."

But proudest aboard the La Cordillera is tall, blonde Alma Nickalls, ex-clerk from London, who boasts of her job as captain's "tiger". Anna explained that her job was to serve the captain's meals, keep his cabin clean and dust off his uniforms.

Rates Of Pay

Rates of pay are laid down by the National Maritime Board and National Union for Seamen. Cooks or their assistants get \$100 to \$120 per month with all found, while the pay of an assistant stewardess starts at \$68 per month. About the only male complaint is that it takes four women to do a two or three-man job in the galley but they hastily admit that women seem to do the job better.

But even seamen have now learned the benefit of having women among the crew for as it was summed up by one old rusty sea-dog: "Why, they even iron our shirts."

As to plans for the future crewing of ships with women, Burles Markes Ltd., owners of La Cordillera, state that although the women have proved a great success aboard their vessel, the manning of other ships with them is problematical.

It was pointed out that the great difficulty in having a mixed crew is due to accommodation. The La Cordillera is a new vessel and it was possible to earmark separate accommodations for women.

However, it is possible that other shipping companies, viewing the success of the great experiment, will also plan their ships with a view to mixed crews.

Coat for Tall Girls



By PRUNELLA WOOD

THERE are manufacturers who can see above five-five when they design... and such a one puts out this coat. Cut very slim and curved just enough before, it has plenty of skirt flare behind, held in place by a half-belt. The excellent wool is of such a good camel hair colour that it's a surprise to find it all came from a sheep, instead, but

surface and colour look like the imported camel itself, and will probably wear even better. Length is fine, both for coat and sleeves, and the model is well stitched overall, as it ought to be. The coat is also made identically for girls of usual or unremarkable height; fall their size up to six-four can get fitted too.

How to Select Eye Shadows



A little eye shadow emphasizes the beauty of your eyes, but apply it carefully.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is only the daring woman, ready to demonstrate her beauty convictions, who can wear eye shadows for the first time without a feeling of self-consciousness. She is not the shrinking violet; she is the tiger lily of the flaming rose. She has courage and dash, and can get away with anything in the way of personal adornment.

Yet she makes decisions slowly. When selecting eye shadows she goes to a cosmetic bar, tries out the different shades. It is the only way. She has a choice between blue, brown, bronze, grey, green, purple, mauve. Grey is out, if she is a red head she probably decides upon a soft green that will do things for her flaming tatch. She will be told by the experienced attendant in charge that blues are flattering to blondes and brunettes.

A girl can do a bit of slap-dash work with powder, rouge and lipstick and maybe get away with it.

But not so with the tinting that she applies to the shutters of her soul windows. That takes finesse. It should be applied first along the line of the lashes, do a fade away as it spreads upward. It can start at the inner corner of the lid, continue to the outer terminal until it is on a line with the tip of the eyebrows if they are not too extended.

There are other means than eye shadows for high lighting that portion of one's sacred phiz. A touch of rough will do it. When one carries Nature's hope-to-die blush the lids are usually a light pink. So this is just following Nature's pattern. Try it some time when the heavy date is on and you would look your prettiest.

With a pink powder it is best to ply the rouge pad lightly. Place the glow high on the cheek bones. And don't forget to treat the earlobes. Powder them first, then give them a swish with the pad.



Ham Grill Is A Time-Saver

"WHAT shall we have for dinner, Madame? Chicken fricassée with fluffy mashed potatoes and new peas in cream? Or minute steak, or filet mignon with French fried potatoes? Or ham grill with broiled apples and fresh mushrooms and corn fritters?"

"Chef," I laughed, "you make each one sound better than the other, so I'll take the last."

"But fine quality sliced raw ham is expensive, Chef. So I'd suggest we use small portions of thin sliced ham, supplemented with sausage meat cakes."

"Excellent, Madame. The amount of meat remains the same and the cost immediately goes down."

"And the appearance and glamour goes up," I laughed, "for the brown crisp sausage will make a nice picture with the rosy ham, red glazed apples, mushrooms and golden corn fritters."

Dinner

Hot Tomato Juice Crackers
Relish Tray
Ham Grill with Sausage Cakes
Apple and Mushrooms
Mashed Yam-Sweet Potatoes
Corn Fritters
Banana Cakes-Custard
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
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Recipes Serve Four

Ham And Sausage Grill

For this you will need 1 lb. raw tenderloin ham, 1/2 lb. pork sausage meat, 8 slices of apple, and 1/2 lb. medium-sized mushrooms. First par-cook the sausage patties. Next saute the mushrooms, and last broil the ham and apple slices. Arrange on a large platter, and heap corn fritters at each end.

Sauteed Fresh Mushrooms: Wash but do not peel. Break off the stems and cut crosswise into thin slices. Saute (pan fry) 3 min. in a little butter or margarine. Then add the mushroom tops, and saute about 7 min. longer. Dust with salt, pepper and a trace of nutmeg.

To Broil Apples: Wash and core cooking apples, but do not peel. Slice crosswise. If thick, brush with melted butter or margarine, or with oil; dust with a very little sugar, and broil until tender and golden, turning once.

Banana Cakes-Custard

Make 1 recipe soft cooked custard and chill. Arrange alternate layers of sliced plain, sponge or left-over angel cake, and sliced brown-specked bananas in a glass serving bowl. Pour over the custard. Chill and serve decorated with sliced bananas.

Soft Cooked Custard: Scald 2 c. milk. Beat 1 egg slightly and add 1 tsp. flour, 1/4 c. sugar and 1/2 tsp. salt. When well mixed stir into the scalded milk. Cook and stir until the mixture coats the spoon. Add 1/4 tsp. vanilla, lemon or orange flavouring. Cover and chill.

Seasonable Vegetable Platter

Plain-boil or pressure-cook 8 medium-sized white potatoes in their jackets, then peel; plain-boil, or pressure-cook 4 scraped carrots, cut in quarters lengthwise, and 8 beets, (peel and slice after cooking). Prepare 2 c. cooked fresh, frozen or tinned spinach, seasoned with 1/2 tsp. onion salt and 1 tsp. tomato puree. While the vegetables are cooking, steam-fry 1 1/2 c. onions in 3 tsp. butter or margarine, and make 8 small sea food cakes. Arrange as follows: Heap the potatoes in the centre of a large heated platter. Surround the potatoes with the carrots, spinach and beets in four sections. In between put the sea food cakes. Pass parsley cream-Hollandaise sauce, good with both sea food cakes and vegetables.

Sea Food Cakes

These may be made from a (6 oz.) tin crabmeat, salmon, tuna, or from 2 (12 oz.) cans clams. Remove the bones from the crabmeat and flake the crab fine. Flake the tuna or salmon if used. Drain and finely chop the clams. (but save the liquid to use for cream of clam soup). To whichever fish is chosen add 2 tsp. flour, 1 small egg, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. paprika and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Form into small flat cakes of 1 tsp. each. Roll in flour, and saute in oil on both sides in margarine or shortening. Serve with parsley cream-Hollandaise sauce.

Ginger Apple Pie

Home-make 1 recipe for gingerbread, or use 1 packet gingerbread mix. Thoroughly butter or margarine a 7" x 11" biscuit pan. Sprinkle the bottom with 2 tsp. brown or granulated sugar. Over this place overlapping a thin layer of sliced apple. Pour in the gingerbread mixture. Bake 35 to 40 min. in a moderate oven, 350 to 375 F. Cool. Then turn out on a platter or tray. Cut in squares. Serve plain, or with whipped cream cheese, or with a whipped topping of dry skim milk.

Trick Of The Chef

For parsley cream-Hollandaise sauce, first make 1/2 cups rich white sauce. Beat in 1/2 tsp. butter, the juice 1/4 lemon, 3 tsp. mayonnaise and 1 tsp. minced parsley. Re-heat but do not boil.

Home Hints

Paraffin applied to the runways and bottom edges of a drawer will make it run more smoothly. Never plane the top edge of a drawer because this spoils its appearance when it is open.

Suede shoes should be dry before they are brushed or rubbed. Use a rubber sponge or a stiff brush.

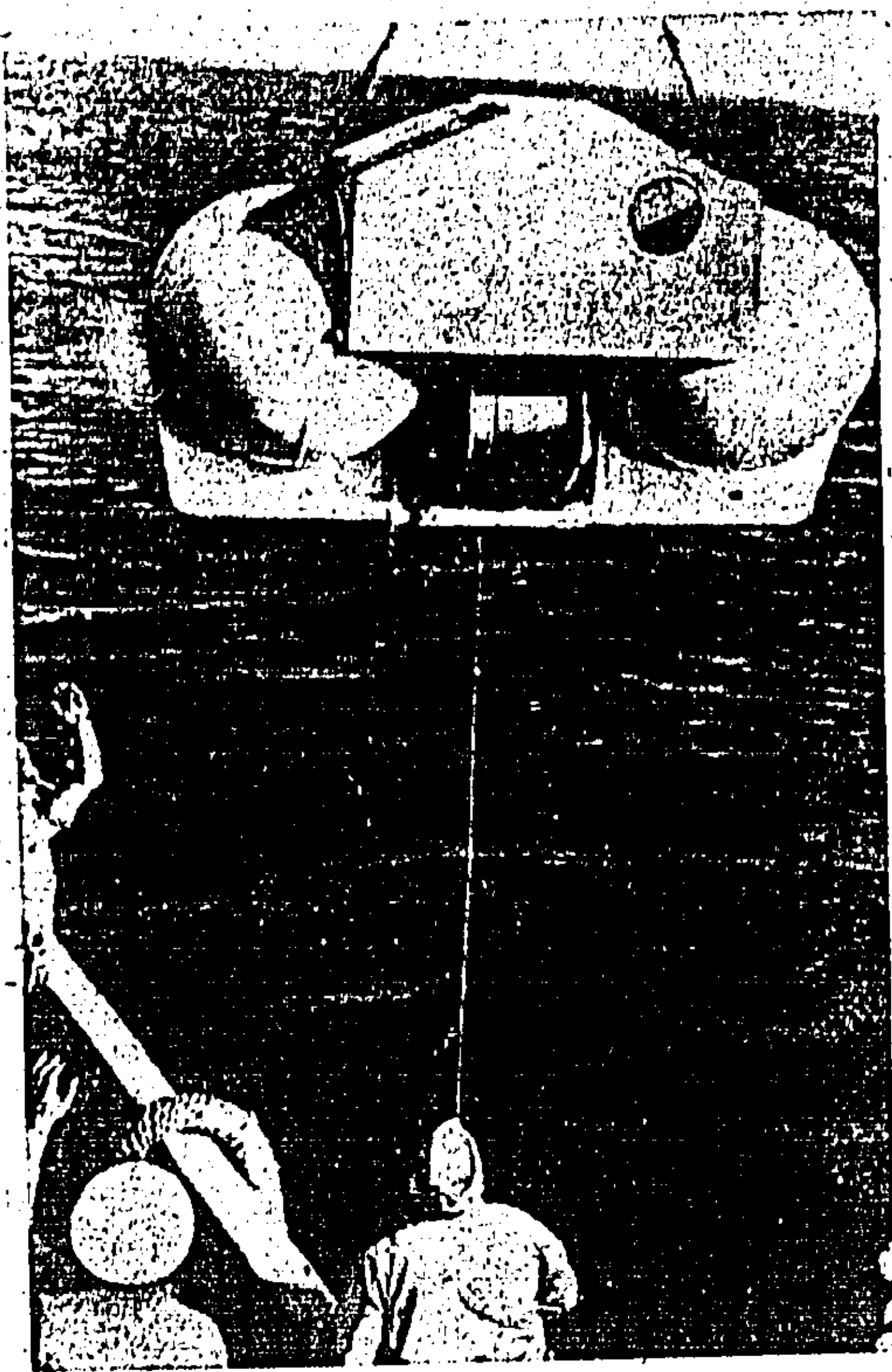
When you are doing the family ironing, remember that flat pieces should be ironed parallel to selvage edges. Embroidered pieces should be ironed wrong side up. Shirts and blouses should be ironed thus: wrong side of cuffs, right side of cuffs, sleeves, wrong side of collar, right side of collar, yoke, back, front side with buttons, front side with buttonholes. Iron dresses in this order: sleeves, collar, waist and skirt.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FOR RESCUE WORK—Picture shows a new submarine rescue buoy developed by the U.S. Navy. Released from the escape hatch by personnel in a disabled craft, it rises carrying a wire cable which unreels automatically. A rescue chamber can be lowered along the cable.



VANISHING ART—Costantino Mario of Florence, Italy, puts finishing touches to a leather folder. Machines are now turning out the products which, hand-finished, once were the envy of the world. The work, however, still retains some of the grace of the originals.



RUSSIAN YOUTHS—A youngster, ankle-deep in water and in his bathing trunks, prepares his hydroplane model, fitted with a rubber motor, for a flight in an aircraft model contest on a lake somewhere in warmer regions of Russia. Photo was released by the official Soviet news agency.



ATOMIC ENERGY AT REST—Mine Foreman Ed Nelson points to a narrow upper stretch of pitchblende found near the old ghost town of Caribou, Colorado. Uranium, the basic material of atomic energy, is refined from pitchblende.



FALSIES!!!—Movie comics Lou Costello, left, and Bud Abbott lend a hand to Clyde Beatty as he fits the Hollywood elephant, Sidney, with artificial ears for a film. The Indian elephant has smaller ears than the African variety, but is substituted because it is easier to handle.



EXPECTING SNOW?—Janis Carter has an eye to the future as she models this camel-hair polo coat. Big collar and cuffs make for extra warmth.



IN ANCIENT ROME—Workmen clear the way as the mouths of two underground tunnels take shape under what was once Rome's Central Railway Station. The building was almost entirely levelled by Allied bombers during the war. The long-planned project is finally under way, and engineers hope that part of the underground will be finished for the 1950 Holy Year.

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SPRING DAY?—Nothing like a balmy day in mid-winter as these sea lions enjoy a cool shower in the Bronx Zoo, New York. It may be winter according to the calendar, but it's just another day to them.

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EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSEY

who was the Supreme Commander's private secretary and confidante throughout the war in Europe. In book form, the story is now on the best-seller lists in America. Serialisation in the Telegraph started on Monday; this is the third instalment.



Smith, turned Ambassador; Martha Rogers, a Dixie belle from Mississippi, and Louise Anderson, of Denver, both now living as civilised Californians; Mattie Pinette, of Maine, and Alene Dresmal, of St Paul, both of whom emigrated to Washington, D. C., after the war. There couldn't have been a more diverse group; maybe that's why we got along so famously.

The author, Kay Summersby, seated between General Eisenhower (extreme right) and General Mark Clark.

A Sudden increase in motor trips about this time started a series of runs to a bomb-proof building on the edge of St. James Park just off famous Downing Street. Usually, I sat in the car while my passenger conferred inside; I read, and chatted with the high-ranking Allied men who pulled up at that entrance.

One morning General Eisenhower emerged from that dull-looking building with a companion. As they strolled over to the car, I jumped out and assumed my own peculiar brand of attention: it was Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister.

It may be difficult for Americans to understand the widespread, absolute worship for Winston Churchill in these weary days. It was close to what many Americans must have felt for President Roosevelt—a feeling I shared immediately at my first meeting with that great man. Churchill represented a threat, but a defiant wartime Britain, all moulded into a very human figure we could love and follow. He was a more real and intimate symbol than the strains of "God Save the King" or the songs of Big Ben. He was England; more important, he was London for all of us who had stayed there throughout the Blitz.

I was frankly thrilled and excited just seeing him for the first time. The now-familiar jutting chin, the round shoulders, the fat cigar—all these were just as press photos had pictured them. But I was astounded at the cherubic face superimposed on the bulldog head, a face nevertheless capable of portraying genius in its own right. His eyes were a vivid blue, at times those of a gurgling infant, at other times those of a cold wartime leader, at still other times those of a laughing, socially accomplished diplomat and politician. I was impressed by his clear, pink, baby-like skin, more attractive than to any other single item of his appearance. He wore the usual shapely "siren suit" of course, and his slapping, initialed slippers.

Churchill Glared

GENERAL Eisenhower accomplished an introduction as though all three of us should be very good friends.

Churchill glared. "I hope you'll take good care of our General," he growled. Then that impish look in his eyes: "Mind you now, don't you lose him in London!"

The General laughed. "Don't you worry. Kay knows London as well as any Cockney taxi driver." The General George Patton impressed me almost as much as Mr Churchill. Introduced by General Ike as one of his oldest and closest friends, Patton at once displayed that Old World gallantry which all his biographers seem to have missed. When he shook hands and bowed, everything was there but a Continental kiss of the hand. There was no hint of the expected American backslap or the wolfish eye. All he needed was a cavalier's cape and a sword. I also found him the most glamorous, dramatic general I'd ever met. His chest was covered with more ribbons than that officer down at the Imperial General Staff; it fairly blazed with ego, experience and pride of profession. And the chest underneath his brilliant tunic was very much that of a soldier. Blindingly polished cavalry boots and tailored jodhpurs completed the picture.

Patton's Curses

WHEN Patton mentioned interest in bomb damage around London, General Eisenhower remarked: "Give him the sixty-four-dollar tour, Kay—Lambeth." The future Third Army chief was just as appalled by the Lambeth desolation as General Eisenhower, Clark and Spatz had been. Although his GI's probably wouldn't have believed it, he sat on the front seat with me. And his ramrod back never once unbent, never toyed the seat. "Those sonsabitches," he

would mutter, "those sonsabitches." Then, he'd turn to me. "I'm sorry, Miss Summersby. Excuse me, please." I had to point out that I had been with the American Army long enough to realise that Yanks used curses in such a natural way that no one could take offence.

I even told my passenger of the time I had yelled "Goddamn!" in the office at Grosvenor Square. "General Eisenhower buzzed me right away," I told Patton, "and asked where I had acquired such shocking language. He smiled weakly when I admitted I had learned that particular word from Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Self-Confidence

GENERAL Patton laughed at the story, then turned back to the study of the bomb damage. In a few minutes he was at it again: "Those bastards, those sonsabitches!" Always, the immediate apology. I've heard Patton swear like a docked many times, but I never felt actually embarrassed; he was a man's man, a real soldier, and yet he unflinchingly treated women with an eighteenth century flourish. Also, he was second only to General Eisenhower in his intellectual interests and his knowledge of history.

The Patton ego was, to me at least, more a superb self-confidence (which he always justified) rather than empty bragging. I'll admit that I heard him ask for medals; but he had earned them a hundred times over; he knew, further, they strengthened his men's respect and added visibly to his chosen lifetime career. Patton referred to "clusters" as self-starters. He once admitted in that high-pitched, cracking voice which seemed so foreign to the rest of his makeup: "There's only one medal here I don't want a self-starter for—my Purple Heart!"

Request For WAC's

GENERAL Patton was curious about the behaviour of women in Britain's war effort. But it was only a flurry of interest compared to the storm of questions General Eisenhower poured on Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby when she visited London.

"If you don't send me WAC's over here," he exclaimed, "I'm just going to hire a regular army of civilians. I've seen what women can do in wartime; I've seen how they can free men for their primary duty—fighting."

Colonel Hobby, the charming WAC director who retained all her newspaper executive ability from civilian days in Texas, attempted to explain that her girls still were training. Furthermore, she wasn't certain how America would react to the new idea of women going overseas.

"I've seen what women can do," the General insisted. "And I'm going to have them in the Theatre, whether they're British or American, or French or what! As a beginning, he asked for a wholesale shipment of about 5,000 WAC's."

Colonel Hobby explained quietly that her feminine troops weren't ready for foreign duty as yet. "Anyhow," she added, "you're asking for well over a third of all the WAC's we have." She made a discreet reference to the existence of a war in the Pacific.

No Scandal

FINALLY, the Colonel agreed to send over large numbers of WAC's as soon as they were trained, equipped and available. She kept her word. The first group was hand-picked for all-around ability. They made a tremendous hit among the homesick GI's, and buckled down to administrative work with dazzling efficiency. I heard many a staff officer remark that British office workers were wonderful, but couldn't measure up to the excellent ability and morale uplift of American girls.

And I'm happy to add that, despite the fantastic collection of backgrounds, those women behaved so conscientiously that I never heard a word of scandal about any WAC.

In England. That was a real achievement in a gay wartime capital like London, where occasional raids fed the here-today-gone-tomorrow philosophy, where anything a girl might do was off the home town scoreboard.

As an advance cadre, Colonel Hobby sent to England five WAC officers. We all lived together before and after I got my commission, lived together in many countries, through every conceivable condition, for some three and a half years. We came to know each other as sisters, with that intensity war provides. The five were Ruth Briggs, a Rhode Islander who ended the war by going to Moscow with a Beetle

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

ANA PAUKER, Rumania's Communist Foreign Secretary, who "runs Rumania," has been described by amazed reporters as "The Battle Axe of the Cominform."

She has been observed at parties devouring great plates of hot food while ordering the dismissal or liquidation of officials.

On her rare holidays she has been seen "diving and ducking her large body in and out of the water as happy and sportive as a sea lion." She may be Hell's pin-up girl to those who cannot appreciate the virility and unusual beauty of Communist womanhood, but to her Uncle Nat, frequently attracted to the unconventional, she will always be his lovely Ana Pauker.

In this rhyming tribute he found it difficult to conceal his hopeless passion for her—

Ana Pauker's fair to see,
Loosely Ana Pauker,
Darling of the Kremlin, she,
Loved by all and loved by me,
Loved by even Vy-shin-sky.
Ana, she's a corker.

Ana is my fairest rose.
When she has a day off,
In the sea my darling goes.
Lovely limbs does she expose.
In her daring bathing clothes,
(Ana Pauker that she blows)
Ana she's the pay off.

Comrades one and all agree
Beats's often sickle.
Comrades cannot comrades be
If a comrade fails to see
The absolute integrity
Of hammer and of sickle...

Then my Ana Pauker fair,
With a most disarming air,
Hangs a comrade here and there—
She's a little pickle.

Like true comrades trained and bred,
And a quite a talker.
Facts and figures she can shoot
Of iron ore and steel and lead
Stored up in that pretty head.
Clever Ana Pauker.

At parties Ana eats a lot
(What a charming manner)
While other comrades sip and plot,
Ana, chewing something hot,
Has a plotting comrade shot,
Teaching him to pan her.

Ana, unkind comrades say,
Is richer than a Boyar.
Apart from ministerial pay
Ana has the sea or nay
Of life and death from day to day
Of comrades who annoy her.

Comrades aping bourgeoisie
Must be liquidated, see?
Ana takes their dough-ray-me
Oh boy, oh boy, oh Boyar.
Oh Boyar—a rich Russian peasant.

Animal Sunday

SUNDAY was animal Sunday, during which all animals were specially remembered by those who love them, and prayers were offered in churches to soften the hearts of those who don't.

Little cat columnist, writes—
My dears,
It was just one of those days, if you know what I mean, which one will always remember. Last Sunday, I mean.
For breakfast there was a grilled hering with a soft roe, perfectly cooked by Mr G, and the top of the milk to follow.
After this I felt absolutely full of beans and loosened up with the ping-pong ball. Then I went for the chairs and sofas in a big way.
Usually when I do this, everybody yells "Stop it, Lottie," and will even try physical restraint. But this time they didn't say or do anything but look rather pained (and rather foolish, I thought) as I simply tore the stuffing out of a new utility armchair.

Well, after that I knocked over a few ornaments, stuck my nose in a flower vase and upset it; and not a word was said by anybody. So I licked over their butter taters and watched the horror on their faces. Why horror? I suppose I'm as clean as they are, or cleaner.

Lunch was simply too marvelous—chicken liver and gizzard, with gravy, and a piece of the breast I took rather neatly from somebody's plate.
After lunch I tried to have another go at the chairs, but felt too tired, so went to sleep on Mrs G's best elderdown. No protest.
They woke me up for milk and cake (I'm terribly fond of cake) and I split some of the milk on the elderdown. Then I spent most of

the evening sitting on books or papers they were trying to read, or biting their fingers if they tried to knit.

For supper there was cod's roe paste on toast, and a perfect day came to an end when I staggered off to bed with slight indigestion.

I had to count mice diving through a hole before I could get to sleep.

The sweep

"WELL," said the Sweep, "ow do you like the look of things now?"
"Not much," I said.
"No more do I," said the Sweep. "Cor stone the crows, it makes you think don't it?"
"It certainly do."

"Ere you ave little old Churchill talkin' about V2s littin' Surrey and Kent again, yet it was only about three or four years ago since we was it by the last one."

"That's right."
"Three or four years ago," said the Sweep, "there was nothink too bad for them there little old Germans, and nothink too good for them there little old Russians."

"Too true," I said.
"Now there's nothink too bad for them there little old Russians, and nothink too good for them there little old Germans."

"That's it," I said.
"After we spent millions a day blowin' them Germans to bits and tryin' to starve them out, we're now spendin' thousands a day fillin' their bellies to keep them alive. With your money, too."

"And yours."
"And I suppose if them there little old Russians start anything in Germany we shall ave to start blowin' em all to bits again."

"Quite likely."
"Cor sufferin' archbishops," said the Sweep, "you don't know where you are, do you?"

"You certainly don't."
"Still," said the Sweep, "you don't want to start meamin' before you're it."

"I ain't meamin' it. I'm it. You can always look on the bright side. Only a little while ago we was blowin' up the French fleet, and now I see there's a French admiral got a big job with the Allied Navy. Which shows you what goes on."

"It certainly do."
"Cor luvaduck," said the Sweep, "it wouldn't surprise me if they put a little old general from Luxembourg in charge of the Ome Guard."

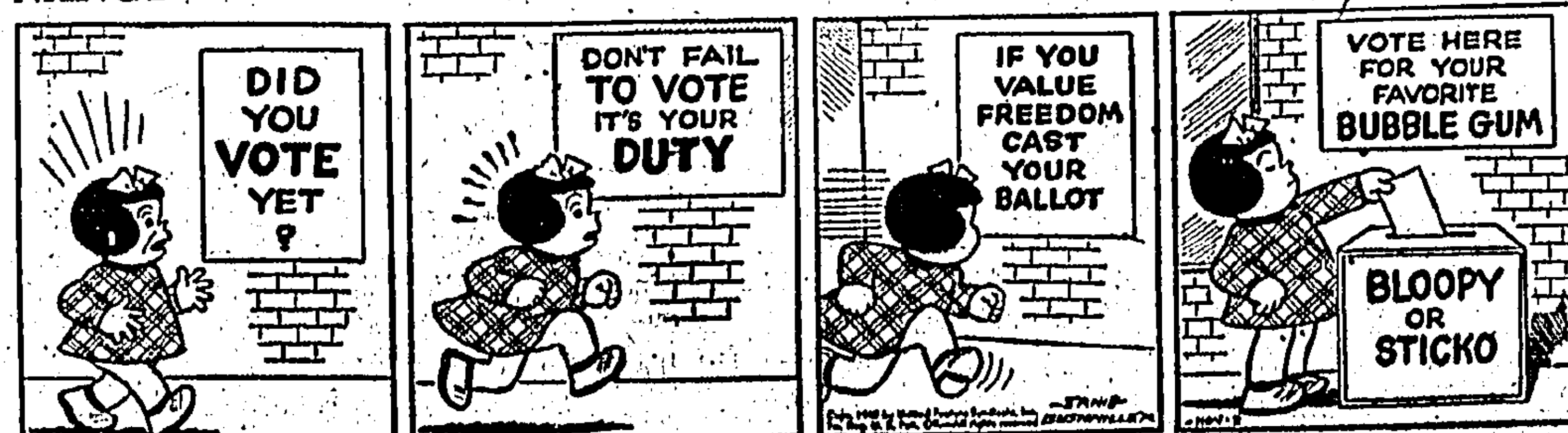
"Nor me," I said.
"And with all your experience as a private I daresay he'd be as good as you."

"Oh you."
"So what are you sneerin' at?"
"I ain't sneerin'," I said.
"Ave another for the road and make your miserable life appy."

"Thanks," I said.
"The skin off your nose," said the Sweep.
"The skin off yours."

NANCY

Gunning Up the Polls



By Ernie Bushmiller



TEST MATCH

ENGLAND LEADS BY 37 RUNS

Capetown, Jan. 4.—England led South Africa by 37 runs at the end of the third day's play in the third Test here.

South Africa, who were all out for 356, after one time being 298 for two wickets, gained a first innings lead of 48 over England's total of 308. England were 85 for one wicket in their second innings at the close of play.

The match ends tomorrow. England won the first Test, with the second drawn.

Denis Compton, who took five wickets for 35 runs today, left arm slow, started a collapse in which seven South African wickets fell for 50 runs, following the breaking up of the third wicket stand of 100 by Bruce Mitchell (120) and Dudley Nourse (112). Compton finished with an analysis of 25.2 overs, three maidens, five wickets for 70 runs.

Victory for either side is still possible on a pitch which is showing signs of wearing, but England is happier in the knowledge that, as a result of sterling defensive batting by Len Hutton and Jack Crapp, she is practically safe from defeat.

BEGINNING OF THE END

Such a state of affairs seemed very remote earlier in the day when Mitchell and Nourse made their stand. The disposal of Mitchell, however, was the beginning of the end.

Before the tea interval, England were batting again. Once the South African collapse began, it did not stop. Dawson and Begbie had a brief stand of 30 for the sixth wicket, raising the total to 342, but the remaining four wickets went for 14 runs.

Dawson fell into a trap when, after hitting Compton over mid-off's head, he repeated the stroke and discovered that Man had stealthily moved back to the position to accept a catch.

Two run-outs hastened the end, which came when Evans smartly stumped McCarthy to give Compton his fifth wicket of the innings.

WASHBROOK CAUGHT

When England batted the second time, they were 48 runs in arrears and, at 11, Washbrook was caught. Hutton found a solid and reliable partner in Crapp. The pair went cautiously, but Hutton was quick to punish anything loose.

There were now signs that the wicket was beginning to give the spin bowlers some help and prospects of another exciting finish were not out of the question.

England went ahead with the second wicket pair still together. The last hour was vitally important for England. In Rowan and Mann South Africa possessed two bowlers ideally suited to the conditions and the maiden over followed as the batsmen strove to keep their wickets intact.

The crowd became impatient with Crapp's caution, but he was playing the right game for his side. At the close of play Hutton was 45 not out and Crapp 31 not out.

EARLIER PLAY

At lunch today in the third Test match between South Africa and England, South Africa were 307 for five wickets in reply to England's first innings total of 308.

After South Africa's third wicket pair had put on 100 there was a sudden collapse against Denis Compton's leg-break bowling.

Both Bruce Mitchell and Dudley Nourse reached their centuries.

At 112, Nourse was caught by Compton. Then Compton was caught for a duck by Watkins before clean bowling Mitchell, the three

THE SCOREBOARD

The scoreboard at the close of the third day was:

ENGLAND		
1st innings	308	
2nd innings		
Hutton not out	45	
Washbrook c Mitchell b Mc-	0	
Crapp not out	31	
Extras	0	
	85	
for one		
SOUTH AFRICA		
1st innings	356	
2nd innings		
Wynne b Watkins	50	
Merville b Jenkins	15	
Mitchell b Compton	120	
Nourse c and b Compton	112	
Wade c Watkins b Compton	0	
Begbie run out	18	
Dawson v Mann b Compton	25	
A. Rowan c Hutton b Gladwin	2	
Mann not out	10	
Harley run out	0	
McCarthy st. Evans b Compton	0	
Extras	3	
	356	

Bowling		O	M	R	E	W
Bedser	34	5	02	0		
Gladwin	30	7	50	1		
Weight	9	0	50	0		
Jenkins	11	1	40	1		
Watkins	10	0	30	1		
Compton	25.2	3	70	6		

CRICKET TEAMS

Kowloon Cricket Club meets the Indian Recreation Club in Cricket League matches on Saturday.

The seniors play at Sookunpo, and the KCC team will be: R. E. Leo (capt), B. C. Fincher, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Davidson, N. Hart Baker, W. Davidson, T. A. Madar, C. J. Smith, G. E. Taylor, J. Barrow and V. C. Bond. Umpire, C. J. Merritt; scorer, J. P. Robinson.

The second eleven is at home, the team being: A. Gray (capt), E. A. J. Hancock, S. Randall, D. G. White, V. H. White, S. C. Trueman, J. P. Howitt, R. Leigh, W. H. Cowie, H. E. Matthews and G. R. Rossettel. Reserve, E. Guest.

MATCH DRAWN

India v. West Indies

Calcutta, Jan. 4.—The third Test between India and West Indies ended in a draw. India had made 325 for three in their second innings at the close of play.

The first two Tests were also drawn.

A brilliant and chanceless century by the opening bat, Mustaq Ali, gave India a fighting chance of victory.

Mustaq Ali batted for three hours and 23 minutes for his 100 and he hit nine fours.

The present match aroused tremendous interest here and all receipts and attendance records for cricket in Calcutta were broken.

Wilfred Ferguson was unable to field after lunch and it was later stated that he was suffering from chickenpox. He is thus the third member of the team to go down with the complaint for Trim and Stollmeyer had earlier suffered from it.

Mustaq Ali, 1st innings	300
West Indies, 1st innings	300 for 9 dec.
India, 1st innings	272
India 2nd innings	
K. C. Irfan, c Atkinson, b Gomez	100
S. S. Modi, c Christian, b Goddard	87
Hazare, not out	58
Amarnath, not out	35
Extras	15
Total (for three)	325

—Reuter.

Aussies Not Keen To Play Tennis With Japanese

New York, Jan. 4.—The Australian Lawn Tennis Association has refused a Japanese request to send an amateur tennis team to Japan this summer, the Australian News Bureau said here today.

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the ALTA, was quoted as saying the whole matter "was out of the question under the present circumstances."

The tone of the refusal, the News Bureau said, indicated that it would be several years before Australia and Japan would resume athletic relations.—Associated Press.

Hockey Fixtures

The following are the Hongkong Hockey Association fixtures for Sunday:

Club de Recreo v Civil Service, King's Park, 10 a.m.
Police v. N. A. F. D. C. 10 a.m.
R. A. F. v. Dutch, Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.
Y.M.C.A. v. S. B. P. O. Yeomans-D. T. Smith, 11 a.m.
Cable and Wireless v Dockyard, King's Park (Y.M.C.A.) 10 a.m.
Grey v S. B. P. O. 10 a.m.
Army v University, Sookunpo, 10 a.m.
Umpires: Makhan Singh—G. T. Palmer.
(R.N.R.C.) 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Capt. H. J. Chinnell—Capt. L. J. H. Payne.
(H.K. Police v Y.M.C.A., King's Park (H.K.N.C.) 10 a.m. Umpires: C. J. Merritt—U. S. Dillon.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3633) Ex. 117 before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

League Table

P	W	D	L	F	P.P.
Recreo	12	10	1	44	4
Police	11	7	2	38	12
Army	11	7	3	44	10
King's	11	7	3	44	11
Umpires	11	7	3	44	11
University	12	6	1	32	21
Civil Service	11	4	6	28	20
H.K. Police	12	4	7	27	9
Dutch	12	4	7	10	25
Cable & W.	12	3	9	14	46
Dockyard	11	1	10	11	45

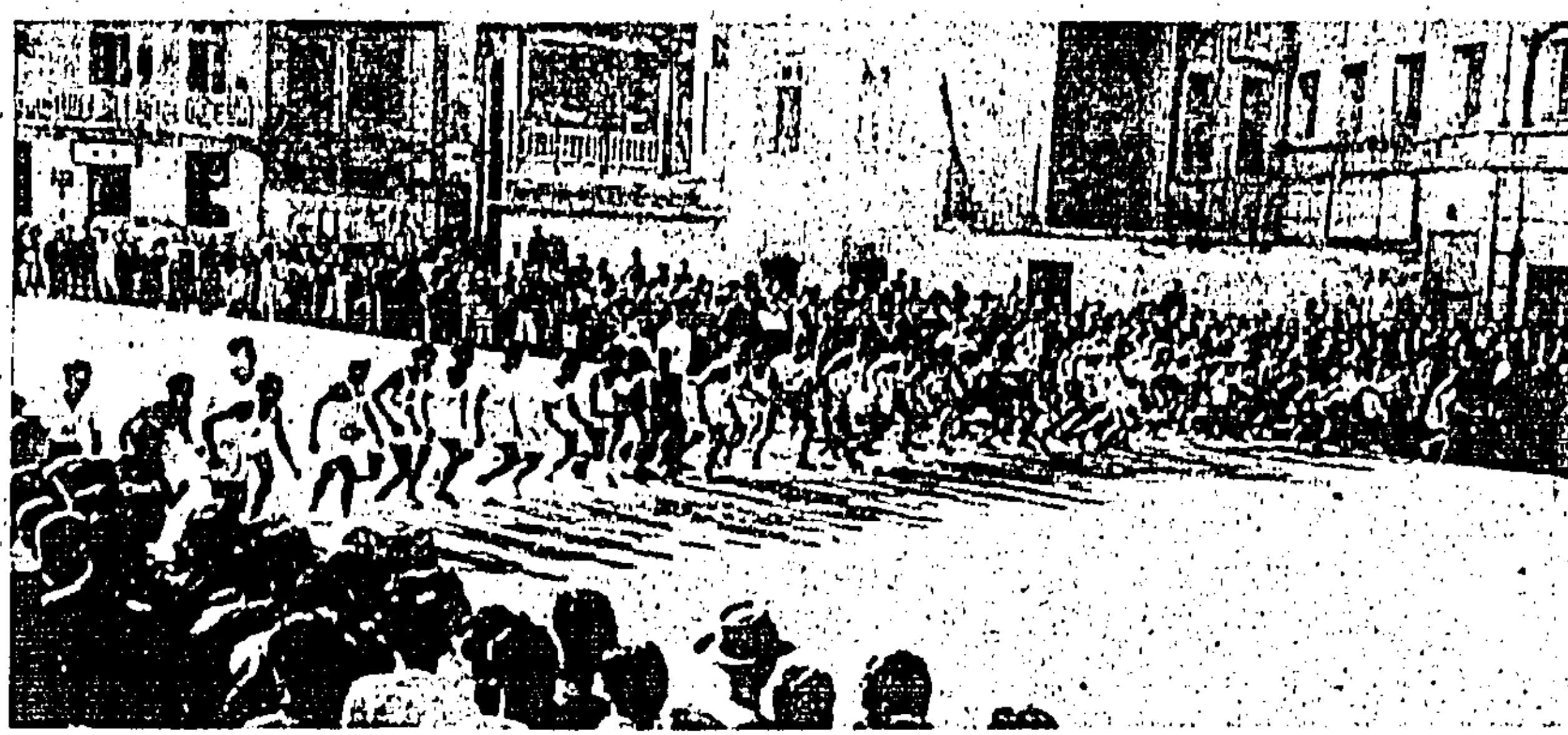
Malaya Team

Arrangements are being made to form a Malayan Hockey team by Malayans in Hongkong to compete in the forthcoming Hockey International Series. A meeting will be held at the Hongkong University Assembly Room on Friday, January 7, at 5.15 p.m. to elect office-bearers and to form a Selection Committee.

All Malayan hockey enthusiasts are invited to attend. Those interested but unable to attend should notify the Representative, Malaya Hockey Team, c/o Hongkong University, so they may be considered for the trials which will be held in the near future.

Cholsea's Interest

London, Jan. 4.—Chelsea are interested in A. Eynon, the amateur centre-forward of Pwllheli and District Welsh League club. Eynon had scored over 50 goals this season.—Reuter.



The Annual New Year's Day Kowloon Harrier Road Race, which can be more aptly referred to as the Kowloon Marathon, came into its own this year as one of the most important events of the local sporting calendar.

Started by the Chinese YMCA, the Hongkong & Kowloon Residents' Association and the Chinese Gymnastic Association a few years before the late war, it did in the past attract foreign entries, but this New Year's Day was the first time in the post-war period that there were Service entries running.

The picture above shows some of the runners, 72 in all, setting off on the 17½-mile run through the streets of Kowloon. Below, one of the casualties receives attention from the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Sixteen only did not finish.

On the left is the winner, D. G. Newman of the Royal Marines, whose new record time for the course—33 minutes 41 1/5 seconds—represents an average 5 minutes 18 seconds a mile, excellent going by any standard.

Several runners finished not far behind, attesting to a wealth of distance running talent in the Colony that at the moment has to be satisfied with just one race a year.—Photos by Telegraph Staff Photographer.



Joe Louis Files A Libel Suit

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The heavy-weight boxing champion, Joe Louis, today filed a US\$500,000 libel suit in the Superior Court against Look magazine.

Louis said he was libelled by an article written by the Look sports editor, Tim Cohane, and published in the January 4 issue which was out last month.

The suit was filed by Truman Gibson, Jr. Gibson charged that the article was "wholly libellous" and contained "false, untrue and exceedingly harmful statements" about Louis' financial condition.

The article, which included as part of Court records of the suit, it said Louis owed the boxing promoter, Mike Jacobs, US\$650,000 before his second fight with Billy Conn in 1946, that he was insolvent and that he owed US\$175,000 in income tax.

In addition, the suit alleged, the article said falsely that Louis charged his manager, Marshall Miles, \$40,000 for his contract.

Louis' statement said: "Because I pay my taxes and other debts and have always tried to do right, I could not stand by and permit these untruths to be written—untruths that can destroy me and businesses with which I am connected now and will be in future."

The suit, which asked for a jury trial, also said Cohane did not interview Louis, or Miles, or his co-manager, John Roxborough, of Detroit, before the article was written.

Meanwhile, in Detroit, Louis said he might drop the suit if Look retracted and publicly apologized. He said: "Money doesn't mean that much to me. If they will print a retraction and apologize, I think I'll be willing to drop the suit."—United Press.

Woodcock-Ralph Fight Is Off

Johannesburg, Jan. 4.—The fight between Bruce Woodcock, British and European heavy-weight champion, and Johnny Ralph, South African champion, which was to have taken place here on January 29, has been cancelled.

Ralph has fractured the little finger of his right hand, and will not be able to fight again before April. Efforts are now being made to fix a new date in April for the fight.—Reuter.

Flyweight Title Fight Arranged

Belfast, Jan. 4.—Rinty Monaghan, of Belfast, will defend his world flyweight title against Dado Marino, of Honolulu, on March 1. Announcing this today, Monaghan's manager, Mr. Frank MacLellan, said that he had decided to accept the offer from Mr. Sam Inchinose, Marino's manager, of \$25,000 in addition to two return air tickets.

Mr. Inchinose has also agreed that in the event of Marino winning the title he will meet Monaghan in a return match in Britain.

The referee for the March contest will be Nat Fleisner, editor of the American magazine, The Ring. Monaghan, who also holds the British and Empire flyweight titles, won the vacant world championship by beating Marino in London in 1948.—Reuter.

Footballer Seeks £10,000 Damages

Belfast, Jan. 4.—Jimmy Jones, the Belfast Celtic centre-forward who had his leg broken in a disturbance by spectators at the end of the match between Belfast Celtic and Linfield on December 20, today lodged through his father a claim against the Belfast Corporation for £10,000 damages for malicious injury.

Jones, whose transfer value is estimated at £10,000, is 20 years of age. He is at present in hospital in Belfast.—Reuter.



HOME SPORTFRONT

Who's The Sportsman Of The Year?

By PETER DITTON

Great fun in Fleet Street this week. The Sports Writers are trying to pick a Sportsman of the Year—and he has to be British, so that people like Don Bradman and Harrison Dillard, winner of the Olympic 100 metre sprint, can be ruled out. Last year the vote went to Denis Compton of Arsenal, Middlesex and England fame. There could have been no two ways about it, but although Denis is again in the running, this time he is not the choice of the News of the World.

As Sportsmen of the Year, the News of the World has picked John Wilson and William Laurie, the two oarsmen who won the Olympic coxswainless pairs for Britain at Henley over 1,180 metres. This is a good choice, but quite a surprise one. Following Laurie and Wilson come Freddie Mills, British and World Cruiser-weight Champion, and Joe Davis, who retired undefeated World Snooker Champion. Certainly it is difficult to argue with the choice of three world-beaters.

Fourth place in the list goes to International golfer Fred Daly, and he is followed by Billy Steel of Derby County and Scotland, the footballer who was for a short time the most expensive soccer player in the world, with a £15,000 transfer fee on his head.

Denis Compton, the incomparable cricketing cavalier, occupies sixth place. Harry Churcher, whose walk of 35 mins. 43.4 secs. for five miles have just been officially recognised as a world record, is seventh, and after him comes Gordon Richards, champion jockey for the 21st time.

"The fastest white man in the world," Allstar McCorquandale, the former Coldstream Guards officer, who came fourth in the Olympic 100 metre sprint is ninth, and tenth is Steven Morris, the only individual Britisher to gain an Olympic medal. Morris finished first in the Swallow class yachting at Torbay.

SURPRISE ITEM

Well, that is one idea, but Peter Wilson in the Sunday Pictorial, has other views. Wilson has not selected his Sportsman of the Year in any order, but has put up a short list of twelve, whom he considers might be considered for the title.

The surprising item in Wilson's list is the inclusion of Maureen Gardiner, the young Oxford girl, who finished second to the remarkable Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen in the Women's 80 metres hurdles at the Olympic Games.

His other candidates are Allstar McCorquandale, Tom Richards, who finished second in the Olympic Marathon, Freddie Mills, Rinty Monaghan, World Fly-weight champion, Denis Compton, Reg Harris, Olympic cyclist, Henry Cotton, winner of the Open Golf Championship, Gordon Richards, Joe Davis, Stanley Matthews, English international footballer, and Jack Parker, the Speedway star. It is quite an impressive list and the result will be determined by readers' votes. What have you readers overseas got to say about it.

BOOKMAKERS HAVE HAPPY MEMORIES OF 1948

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Jan. 4.—Few will regret the passing of the old year this week-end except, perhaps, horses which become one year older, and bookmakers who have had one of their best years ever, at least on paper, even if they have many large debts outstanding.

Those interested in astrology and numerology are pointing to the fact that 1949 should be a lucky year with the ultimate figure nine, which they say has brought good tidings with it in previous decades.

But who is going to be lucky?—Owners, trainers, racecourse executives, layers or backers, for assuredly one man's meat is another man's poison.

There is certainly going to be good news for the Racecourse Betting Control Board, which runs the totalisator as they have a record annual turnover of £20,254,014, as against the previous year's £21,000,000.

Totalisator takings have increased by more than £11,000,000 in the last two years.

This is more astonishing when it is considered that betting, generally, is said to have decreased appreciably in volume during this period.

It can only mean that the popularity of the totalisator is increasing, which is not really so, as the general public is generally superior to those of bookmakers.

These are not much in it when shorter-priced horses win, but when outsiders come home the totalisator scores heavily. Another point is that while bookmakers refuse to lay horses for a place only, and many won't even accept win and place wagers these days, one can back a horse for a place only on the totalisator.

True, prices are generally fairly poor for places, but one does at least get paid out if a placed horse actually wins, which is more than one does in Denmark.

DANES DIFFER HERE

In Denmark, a backer is reckoned to have picked wrongly if a horse he has supported for a place comes home first and he loses his money. Amazing as it may seem, it is quite true. It means much better prices for those finishing second and third, but maddening for punters whose place selection comes in first.

British race-goers are wondering how they are going to benefit, if at all, out of monies they have been pouring into the totalisator. Last year's surplus was £234,000, and this year's will be much bigger.

If it is ground £500,000, there will have been more than £2,000,000 to be distributed from profits since the first totalisator machine started working in Britain in 1920.

This has been distributed in grants to racecourses for breeding, for charity trusts and other bodies, but the ordinary racegoer, whose money it is, appears to have reaped little, if any reward.

TOO MUCH PRIZE MONEY

Although British owners have benefited quite considerably from the huge totalisator profits, they will be looking to even more this year. At least one British turf writer thinks they get enough already.

He points out that prize money distributed last season was well over £1,000,000, compared with only £700,000 just before the war.

But it must be noted—in fairness to owners that not only have costs risen tremendously, but £1,000,000 today is worth nothing like £700,000 before the war, so much has the purchasing value of the Pound Sterling depreciated.

It is quite clear that British owners are having difficulty to make ends meet. Take Miss Dorothy Paget, for instance, Britain's leading owner in the matter of races won.

Although she won 60 races (20 more than any other owner), and stakes to the value of £230,000, she probably lost quite heavily on the season when one considers that the wage bill alone for the upkeep of her large string is understood to have been in the region of £39,000.

At the top of this there was food and innumerable other expenses. Keeping horses in Britain today is a most expensive hobby, even for the most successful of owners. Many of the smaller owners complain that this means which they claim should not be necessary and which, in any case, is not particularly good for the sport.

RICHEST ST. LEGER

Owners will, therefore, view with some pleasure, at least those with prominent classic candidates, the news that the 1949 St. Leger is likely to be the richest ever in the history of racing under the Jockey Club rules.

Already, nine months before the race is due to run, it is certain that the prize money will total more than £16,000. This sum is accounted for by the fact that 212 horses have already paid £10 each at the first forfeit, and there are still 233 left in at £40 each.

This totals more than £11,000, to which there is added money of £5,000. Just what the final total will be depends on the number of final acceptors at the end of August as they have to pay another £50. There would only need to be 30 of these—a somewhat conservative estimate—for the total prize money to reach £16,240, which is just better than this year's figures, which were £15,800, of which the winner, Elina Tarquin, collected over £15,000 as against £14,000 collected by the Guinness winner, My Babu, and £13,000 by the Derby winner, My Love.

Several owners are well represented, notably the Aga Khan, who has entered nine. Mr. Leon Volterra has six, and Mr. John P. McAlister, Mr. Khan and Marcel Bousne five each. Miss Dorothy Paget and Sir Alfred Butt have four each. The Royal Household is represented by the King with Bertrands and the Princess Royal with Thrustor.—Reuter.

The Koreans Lose Again

By "RECORDER"

The touring Korean footballers lost the second of the three matches they have played at Caroline Hill when they went down by the odd goal in five against the Non-Chinese.

Cocher Eric Keen was beaming with pride yesterday evening over the achievement of the eleven he had himself selected to take on the Koreans but, at the same time, was quite noticeable that the zest that marked the visitors' first two games had quite evaporated.

The Koreans were, quite definitely, tired despite a 48-hour rest since they met the Combined Chinese. Even their goal-keeper, Hong Duk-yung, a source of heart-break to many a forward in the first two matches, was nowhere up to his standard.

A sporting crowd, the Koreans did not mince any words last night about the fact that three matches in four days was hard going. Five of their men are on the injured list.

There was one feature about yesterday's match that, however, makes it memorable. Though the unimpaired spectators in the fitness of unclean play may have thought the Koreans appeared rough at times, they were only, more correctly, robust.

The Koreans, though not giants, are a husky lot of boys. There were some collisions and some of the local players were winded. Their play was at all times clean.

Temper were excellently kept and the game will go down in the history of local post-war football as one of the few that was unmarred by any incident that was not in the spirit of football as it should be played.

The Koreans, unlike their performance in the first two games, had comparatively little of the game yesterday. The Non-Chinese team was all-out to prove that the Chinese do not dominate local football.

Leonard, at pivot, played his game of the season, and with Weatherall and Santos adding up to one of the best half-back combinations seen in an afternoon in many weeks, the Hongkong side was one of solid strength.

It is difficult to point to any of Hongkong's players as having been outstanding. They all played well individually, and their teamwork as a team. The half-time score was 2-1 in favour of Hongkong.

Kiernan and Mullen (2) scored for the Hongkong team and Chung Num-sik (2) for the Koreans.

THE TEAMS

Non-Chinese: Cordell; Craighead, Tester; Weatherall, Leonard, Santos; Xavier, Marsden, Mullen, Kiernan, Buck. Korea—Hong Duk-yung; Pak Kyos-chung; Lee See-dong; Chan Seung-yon; Min Byon-uk; Lee Sang-ho; Nam-sik, Kim Chai-sung, Chang Kyung-whan, Chung Kook-chin, Whang Chung-in.

VISITORS FETED

The Hongkong Football Association last evening gave a dinner in honour of the Korea Football team at the Hongkong Hotel Cafeteria.

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